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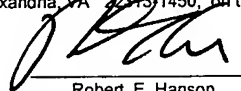
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On November 17, 2004, Examiner Cheu called Applicants' undersigned representative to request that a copy of prior art references cited in the parent case and a copy of the applicants' Response to Office Action from the parent case be submitted for the Examiner's reference, as the Examiner did not have an available copy of the parent file in view of the presence of the file at the printing office in preparation for issuance as a patent. It was agreed that Applicants' representative would fax the materials to the Examiner as a courtesy. The Examiner also inquired regarding the value of the "about two months postpartum" limitation recited in the claims. Applicants' representative explained that, as indicated in the parent file, the ability to

detect PAGs that are undetectable at about two months postpartum is significant due to the need to rebreed animals after calving. No claim amendments were discussed or agreements reached.

On November 22, 2004, Examiner Cheu again called Applicants' representative to discuss the case. The Examiner first indicated that a Terminal Disclaimer may be necessary in order to allow the case. Applicants' representative indicated that should submission of a Terminal Disclaimer become necessary, Applicants would be willing to do so. The Examiner also indicated that the distinction between the claims and BoPAG1 was not fully understood. Applicants representative indicated that BoPAG1 has been shown in the prior art to be present at greater than about two months postpartum and therefore, the claims were free of the prior art. The Examiner agreed to discuss the matter with his supervisor and let Applicants know of any further developments. No agreement was reached.

It is believed that no fee is due regarding the filing of this paper; however, should fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No. 50-1212/UVMO:003USC1.

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